

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners,
I have two concerns. First is the prevalence of graphic sexual advertising on the evening (national) news.

The advertisement for Viagra where the man grows "devil horns" when he sees a skimpy outfit in a window display is well beyond the bounds of decency and taste.

The "Cialis" ads which discuss "hardness" and a 36-hour erection are equally tasteless.

Would you PLEASE DO YOUR JOB, Mr Chairman. Get this disgusting and tasteless smut off the air, pronto. Frankly, you have done a very poor job as FCC Commissioner. If you were doing your job, this crap would never be on the air in the first place. This stuff is far more offensive than Janet Jackson's boob, in my opinion.

Please respond in writing to my comments.

Secondly, as a citizen who wants to be informed about the political and electoral issues that affect my life, I am greatly disappointed by the lack of informative television programming.

Local public affairs programming is virtually non-existent--constituting less than one half of 1% of all local programming. More than half of news broadcasts prior to the 2002 elections did not include a single campaign story. Our democracy is at risk when many Americans don't know basic facts about the candidates or the issues, as was the case in the 2000 elections.

Since broadcasters have clearly failed in their obligation to serve the public interest, the FCC should define meaningful public interest requirements that include local civic and electoral affairs programming. At a minimum, broadcasters should air three hours per week of local civic and electoral affairs programming, with at least two hours devoted to substantive election coverage in the six weeks prior to Election Day.

As the elections approach, a well-functioning democracy demands that citizens have access to a diversity of opinions and voices on the choices confronting us.

Sincerely,

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